

BOTH SIDES PREPARE TO DEMAND RECOUNTS IN DOUBTFUL STATES

Closeness of Votes in Some States May Result in Recount—McCormick Has Conference With Attorney General and Steps Are Taken to Begin Investigations

New York, Nov. 9.—With the result of the Presidential election in doubt, a contest in states where the vote is close, seemed certain last night, regardless of which side wins. The campaign managers of both the leading parties were then preparing to take their fight into the courts in case of an adverse decision on the face of the returns.

Chairman Vance C. McCormick after a conference with United States Attorney General Gregory and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo actually retained John B. Stanchfield and De Lancey Nicolli to represent the National Committee in any legal proceedings that may be found needful for the protection of the party interests.

Chairman William R. Willcox of the Republican National Committee, after consulting with George W. Perkins and Republican leaders actively identified with the Hughes campaign, sent word to the National Committeemen in all states to retain the best lawyers available to represent their organizations and look out for the party interests in any recount proceedings that may be commenced in close states.

From both the national headquarters in this city orders were sent to party managers and candidates in all states where the count of the vote has not been completed to adopt every possible safeguard to prevent fraud in the interest of rival candidates. The Democratic campaign managers actually have ordered quo warranto proceedings looking to a recount started in New Hampshire. Late returns last night indicated that the result in five other states would be so close as to call for recount proceedings by the party losing on the face of the returns. These states were West Virginia, North Dakota, New Mexico, Minnesota and California. In all it appeared to be a neck-and-neck race between the two candidates.

There was tense excitement at both headquarters all day yesterday. Great crowds were seen in and out of the assembly rooms where the returns were being chalked up on big blackboards.

MCCORMICK ACTS PROMPTLY

National Democratic leaders, took prompt measures yesterday because of the closeness of the election. They have the ballot boxes in the uncertain states, amply guarded and the count protected. Chairman Vance C. McCormick of the Democratic National Committee, admitted last night that there was a likelihood of a recount of the votes in one or two of the extremely close states and that the party had already been engaged to represent the committee.

This action was taken in the afternoon after a conference of Chairman McCormick, Henry Morgenthau, William G. McAdoo, Thomas W. Gregory, United States Attorney General, John B. Stanchfield and De Lancey Nicolli. Mr. Stanchfield and Mr. Nicolli were called in as special counsel to represent the National Committee in any legal steps it may be found desirable to take. Chairman McCormick would not discuss what the first move would be, but he had already sent a telegram to every Democratic state and county chairman and every Democratic candidate for Congress in the close states to be on the alert. This is the message:

"President Wilson has been re-elected. Our opponents are desperate. You must personally see to it that the ballot boxes are guarded and the count protected and nothing left undone to safeguard this victory."

Chairman McCormick did not charge that his opponents might attempt corruption or the stuffing of ballot boxes, but he said he was not taking any chances. As a result of Attorney General Gregory's visit to headquarters, it was reported that no matter whether President Wilson or Mr. Hughes was elected, it was considered certain that when Congress meets in December its first action will be to consider the enactment of the Corrupt Practices bill which failed of passage at the last session, as well as the authorization of a Congressional investigation into the political expenditures of the recent campaign, regardless of party lines or interests.

Chairman McCormick, who was at national headquarters for 24 hours with only an hour's sleep, said last night that there had never been a doubt in his mind that President Wilson would win. He said he did not think it would be necessary for him even to change his original estimate of the electoral vote given on Tuesday night. The President was sure of 283 electoral votes, he said, and he thought it might go as high as 304.

"I haven't changed the claim of 283 I made Tuesday night and all day yesterday," said Chairman McCormick, "and the returns are still coming in."

"But Chairman Willcox of the Republican National Committee claims 228 votes for Mr. Hughes," Mr. McCormick was told.

"That's not," said the Democratic chairman, "California is safe and President Wilson will get New Hampshire and West Virginia. Both state chairmen in those states confirm this. We have got New Mexico and also North Dakota."

"How about Oregon?"

"That state is very close, but Wilson has a good chance of carrying it. I just received a telegram from there, saying that one section which is normally Republican has been turned completely over."

Minnesota.

"I don't think so," he said, "but I can't tell. I think the last returns show that we will carry the state, no matter what the soldier vote should be."

"Will you demand a recount in any of the close states?"

"It is a little early to say just what we shall do about that," was the reply. "We shall wait until the official canvass is made, of course. The vote in New Hampshire is very close, our last estimate of the plurality being only 152. It may be that a recount there will be necessary."

"Have you taken any steps to prepare for a contest?"

"Certainly. We have got into touch with all persons connected with our organization and authorized them to obtain counsel and see that we get a square count. We are carefully watching every place where anything unusual might occur."

The chairman said the last reports showed Indiana to be close, but he said the Democrats did not claim it. He said he had kept President Wilson advised over the telephone all day as to developments and had told him that he was re-elected.

The Democrats at National Headquarters made up yesterday in their enthusiasm for their gloom of Tuesday night when the early returns showed Hughes to be leading. About 100 sleepless enthusiasts who did not leave headquarters at all Tuesday night were joined by several hundred more during the day, and every bulletin chalked up on the big blackboard in the room adjoining Chairman McCormick's private office was greeted with a well that could be heard a block away.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when it was announced that the President had certainly been elected, the chairman was lifted bodily upon a table and forced to make a speech. "I congratulate the country on the election of Wilson," he said. "The members of the national committee and the staff which assisted the committee during the campaign deserve the greatest of credit."

Mr. Morgenthau also made a short speech in which he congratulated the country on the re-election of the President. Then there were cheers for the President, Chairman McCormick, Mr. Morgenthau and finally for the people of the West, to whom the chairman declared the success of the campaign was due. An hour later further good news was received, and Chairman McCormick gave out this statement:

"President Wilson was re-elected yesterday by the people of the United States. He will have 304 votes in the Electoral College, and this number may be increased by belated returns from doubtful states. The victory is emphasized by the reluctance of the enemy to admit defeat and is a complete repudiation of the unfounded claims sent over the country by the Republican National Committee last night."

The joy grew greater as the day proceeded. By noon the rooms were jammed, and when a telegram from O. K. Cushing, California state chairman, was received saying the Democrats had carried the state the crowd formed into a cheering procession to the street. Sheriff Kinkead, "the fighting sheriff" of Bayonne, and John J. Fitzgerald, ex-mayor of Boston, found a band somewhere and a real parade was started. It went first to the Republican headquarters at 511 Fifth avenue, where Chairman Willcox was serenaded, and then to the Hotel Astor, where Mr. Hughes has headquarters. All during the day Chairman McCormick was in communication with Democratic leaders in the doubtful states advising them to watch the ballot counting closely and get in the last words.

Mr. McCormick went to his home at Harrisburg last night for a few days, and members of the committee's Publicity Bureau gave a dinner to Director Robert Woolley at the Waldorf. "The election of 1916 and the victory of President Wilson is now a matter of history," said Col. E. M. House yesterday. "Our eyes and our thoughts are now on the future. President Wilson has not only been re-elected, but he will carry California, Minnesota and New Mexico, as well as New Hampshire. I make this statement on the basis of that sixth sense which every man who has lived in politics for 40 years is bound to develop."

Republicans to Fight, Too. After a day tense with excitement, during which the feelings of the Republican campaign managers had fluctuated between fears and hopes while the result of the Presidential election hung in the balance, they took steps to fortify themselves against an adverse decision by seeking legal aid to "protect the interests of the party in close states."

This decision was reached after a conference among Chairman William R. Willcox, George W. Perkins, Frank H. Hitchcock, Charles B. Warren, Republican National Committeeman for Michigan, and Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., treasurer of the Republican National Committee.

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publicans and seven Democrats were appointed. Hayes, the Republican nominee, got 185 votes to Tilden's 184 in the Electoral College.

MONTANA GIVES BIG PLURALITY FOR PRESIDENT

Helena, Nov. 9.—President Wilson carried Montana by approximately 20,000 plurality according to returns compiled today from nearly three-fourths of the vote.

United States Senator Henry Myer was re-elected by a majority of 10,000. Harry B. Mitchell, D., is leading Miss Jeannette Rankin, R., for congress, but by a small majority. The Democrats have elected all but three state officials and Montana has adopted prohibition by a substantial vote.

Samuel V. Stewart, Democrat, was re-elected governor over Frank J. Edwards by more than 5,000.

HOUSE CONTROL YET IN BALANCE, FIGURES SHOW

New York, Nov. 9.—The Democrats, assured of control of the next Senate, may retain control of the House, holding 10 seats in 21 congressional districts to be heard from. Early today the division of members already elected was as follows:

Democrats, 210; Republicans, 200; Progressives, 2; Independent, one; Socialist, one.

In the 21 districts not yet reported are the following which are Democratic in the present congress: Two each in Missouri and Indiana; three in West Virginia, and one each in Washington, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

RECENT WAR STYLES IN PARIS FASHIONS

New fashions for women have raised a discussion in Paris as to the propriety of the imitation of the "polish" uniform by either men or women.

Women's hats in the form of the Adrian helmet worn by the French soldiers in the trenches have made their appearance for the second time, while some dressmakers have gone so far as to ornament gowns with braid in the form, disposition and colors of the "fourragere," or sash-like device that adorns the uniforms of regiments and battalions cited in orders. Stuffs in the colors of the war cross flimsy and green are also very largely used, and cloaks in khaki with a profusion of pockets, recall the jacket of Tommy Atkins, are being prepared to be launched for spring.

This attempt to give a more military tone to women's wear is attributed to the dressmakers and milliner more than to the wearer, and is severely condemned by part of the French press as a commercial dodge that does not harmonize with the general feeling. Khaki, horizon blue, the red and green braid of the "fourragere" and the Adrian helmet, they maintain, should be sacred to the fighting men.

The helmet, after failing once, is again meeting with poor success, and it is held that the war cross colors in skirts will not stand the contrast with the ever-increasing black.

Propagating Roses By Fall Cuttings

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9.—Climbing roses are propagated mostly by hardwood cuttings made in the fall, many cut flowers roses may be propagated in the same way.

Hardwood cuttings are taken from the dormant wood of winter, while softwood, or greenwood, cuttings are taken when the plants are in active growth. To make a hardwood cutting, good strong, well-ripened shoots of the past summer's growth should be selected. These are better if cut before the time the leaves fall and freezing weather. If left until after cold weather there is danger of injury from freezing. They should be cut into pieces of 5 or 6 inches, with the upper cut just above a bud, and should be tied in bundles with raffia or with string that does not rot easily if exposed to dampness. After labeling plainly they should be buried in moist sand, tops down, and placed in a cool cellar or buried in the open ground below danger of frost. They should be planted in the open ground in the spring about a little before corn-planting time, so that one or two eyes, or not over one inch of the cutting is above ground, which will leave 4 or 5 inches in the ground. Care must be taken not to injure the calluses that have formed while the cuttings were buried. Sometimes better results are obtained by planting in partial shade.

Frequently cuttings made in winter or early spring do nearly as well as those made in the fall, but in the North there is always danger of the wood being injured during the winter.

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France Is Watching American Election

Paris, Nov. 9.—The American election is being followed with the deepest interest, the news having the place of honor in most morning papers. The commentators, mindful of the dramatic surprise of yesterday, when the supposedly certain Hughes victory was turned into a possible defeat, are reluctant to commit themselves.

The majority of the comment is similar to that of Stephen Pichone, in the Petit Journal, who expresses the belief that the victory of either candidate will have little effect on American policy as far as the big questions interesting France are concerned. It is also pointed out that the present administration will remain in any event, in power until March 4 and that many things may happen between now and then.

SETS WOOD HEARING

Judge Paul L. Miller of the probate court has set tomorrow as the day for a hearing on the application for the probating of the will of Eliza F. Wood, also known as Fannie E. Wood. The application was made by William R. French, brother of the testatrix. Previously a number of relatives had made application to have the will probated in Norwalk contending that the deceased was a resident of that city. A hearing was had before Judge Henry W. Gregory of the Norwalk probate court. He decided that Mr. French's contention that his sister had been an inmate of an institution in Norwalk during a period when she was of unsound mind and that she was not a resident of that city was correct. The hearing will be tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

EXAMINATION FOR JANITOR

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an examination for janitor on Nov. 28, 1916, to fill a vacancy in the position of laborer, custodial service in the Postoffice building, Bridgeport, Conn., at a salary of \$600 per year. No education test will be given and applicants will not be ascertained for mental examination. The examination will consist of the subjects of physical ability and training and experience. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and have reached their 20th but not their 50th birthday on the date of examination, except that persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States by reason of disability resulting from wounds received or sickness incurred in the line of duty, will be excused from the age limits.

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